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Polar Express™ Volunteers Needed

Brecksville, Ohio - The National Park Service at Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) are seeking volunteers to spread holiday cheer aboard the Polar Express™. This holiday program is based on Chris Van Allsburg's enchanting book *The Polar Express™*, a young boy's trip to the North Pole.

Children, clad in pajamas, board the train in Akron or Independence and travel through Cuyahoga Valley National Park to hear the story of the Polar Express™, enjoy hot cocoa and cookies, and sing carols on their way to the North Pole. Through the train's windows, children see holiday characters, the silhouettes of elves hard at work, and Santa aboard his horse- drawn sleigh.

Volunteers are needed to read the story, assist in creating a festive atmosphere in the car, serve cookies and hot cocoa, and more. Training will be provided. Be a part of this holiday tradition that creates lasting memories for children of northeast Ohio from November 13 through December 19.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Pamela Machuga at (330) 657- 1914 or pam_machuga@nps.gov.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information call (216) 524- 1497 or (800) 445- 9667 or visit www.nps.gov/cuva/ or www.dayinthevalley.com/.

CVSR, in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park, is dedicated to the preservation of historic passenger rail transportation in the Cuyahoga Valley. For more information call (800) 468- 4070 or visit www.cvsr.com/.

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